(c) There is no proposal at present.

(d) All possible precautions are taken so that persons with doubtful credentials are not nominated on DRUCCs and in case any complaint is received against any member, and the same is substantiated, suitable action is taken.

Railway Projects in Stale of Gujarat

3004. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of proposals received by Government for setting up of Railway projects in State of Gujarat in Western Railway Works plan during the last five years in each division wise as on date 31st May, 1993:

(b) what action Government have taken on each of them and reasons for non-clearance of projects;

(c) what are the details of the improvement and expansion work of Rail service undertaken by the Central Government in the State of Gujarat during the last five years year-wise, division-wise; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K C. LENKA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Illegal Journey Tickets

3005. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAY'S be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware thai in Delhi, Bombay, Ahmedabad, Baroda Railway-stations a number of illegal railway ticket agents are functioning there with the association of official Railway booking counter clerks and booking daily unlimited illegal journey tickets and capturing the every counters and selling in black markets on the out-side of each Railway stations and honest and needy passengers are unable to get their journey tickets after spending their prolong time and energy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is very systematic illegal trading of Railway journey tickets in each Railway stations and its very big scandal ring on these stations ;

(c) whether Government are aware that in Delhi and New Delhi Reservation Office and in IACAR building unlimited unauthorised ticket booking agents are capturing every counter from 8.00 a. m. to 20.00 p. m. and they are directly associated and involved with the all on duty reservation booking counter staff and in view that they are getting large number of commission from these unauthorised agents ;

(d) whether Government have taken any action against these unauthorised Railway Ticket agents and on duty Railway booking staff, and seized and culprit persons with redhanded ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and what steps have been taken to curb unauthorised journey ticket booking agents on each railway counters of these stations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Some complaints regarding sale of tickets to passengers by unauthorised agents at these stations have been received.

(b) Generally, passengers buy tickets from the large number of Railway booking counters provided for this purpose. Only some passengers approach unauthorised agents/touts in case of emergency who sell them tickets clandestinely in fake names on premium.

(c) Some reports of unauthorised agents/ touts in Delhi area have been received but it is not true that these tickets are being procured by these unauthorised agents with the active connivance of Railway reservation clerks on duty at the booking counters.

(d) and (e) Surprise Checks/raids are conducted at reservation offices and platforms by Vigilance and Commercial Inspectors against unauthorised sellers of tickets. Checks are also conducted on trains to detect transferred tickets sold to passengers by unauthorised agents. Passengers found travelling on transferred tickets are treated as ticketless passengers and are charged railways' dues plus penalty. Touts apprehended are handed over to Police for prosecution by Courts under Railway Act and defaulting railway staff are taken under D&AR Rules. Special drives are also launched during summer rush and Durga Pooja holidays to eliminate menace of unauthorised sale of tickets. Public are also advised through public address system and media not to buy tickets from unauthorised sources. During 1992-93, 2269 touts were apprehended in the checks/ raids and 9608 transferred tickets were detected in the checks on trains.